

the member main body is positioned closer to the driver's seat than a lower end of the stay connected to the floor part.

10. The instrument panel supporting member structure according to claim 9, wherein a reinforcing member is connected between a point in a vicinity of the upper end of the stay and a point in the vicinity of one of the at least one steering brackets on the member main body.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An instrument panel supporting member structure has a main member body including a pipe and is mounted on a vehicle. Steering brackets are positioned on the driver's seat side and support the steering column. A bracket is connected to the dash panel. A stay is positioned substantially on the central portion of the instrument panel supporting member structure and is connected to the floor part. Both end parts of the pipe are connected to the left and right front pillars of the vehicle. Crush-molding is performed on both end portions of the pipe, so that joining parts that are joined to the front pillars are molded as integral parts of the member main body. As a result of the joining parts being integrally molded, the side brackets can be eliminated; furthermore, the steering supporting rigidity can be ensured.